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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Opening of the session

In accordance with rule 23.2 of the rules of procedure (UNIDO/3/Rev.1), the twenty-eighth session of the Board will be opened by the President of the twenty-seventh session, H.E. Mr. R. González Aninat (Chile).

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the twenty-eighth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board included in the African States in List A of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States in List A and among the States included in List B and List D respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List C.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.27/Dec.13 and updated to reflect mandates of the General Conference, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.28/1. The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.28/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.28/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.28/CRP.1)

Item 3. Annual report of the Director-General for 2003 on the activities of the Organization

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. In its resolution GC.4/Res.2, the General Conference requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11. At the request of the Board in decision IDB.23/Dec.12, annual reports include information on operational activities for development arising from relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions. Thus, the *Annual Report 2003* covers information on UNIDO support to the least developed countries, the emphasis on Africa, UNIDO's global forum function and cooperation within the United Nations system.

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report on its activities. Member States may

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wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report 2003* (including programme performance report) (IDB.28/2 and Add.1)

Item 4. Outcome of the informal consultative groups

In decision IDB.26/Dec.10, the Board, inter alia, requested the Director-General to hold close and regular informal consultations with interested Member States to assist him in his consultations with non-Member States with a view to widening the membership of the Organization. To support that endeavour of strengthening UNIDO's constituency and also to broaden UNIDO's resource base in terms of voluntary contributions and payment of assessed contributions, the Director-General established an informal consultative group of permanent missions. As reported in document IDB.27/17, paragraph 7, the Director-General also established an informal consultative group to advise and assist him in implementing the initiative on trade and market access facilitation.

The Board will have before it:

- Informal consultative groups. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/7)

Item 5. Medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007, including:

5 (a) Application of the Strategic Guidelines "Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery"

5 (b) South-South cooperation

5 (c) UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations

5 (d) Decentralization

Various resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its tenth session referred to the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007, and to the sub-items shown above. In resolution GC.10/Res.2 on the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007, the Conference requested the Director-General to take into account, when implementing the technical assistance and research programme during the period 2004-2007, the Strategic Guidelines "Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery" and document GC.10/14. The Conference also requested the Director-General to report to the Board regularly on the implementation of that resolution.

Progress reports to the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the Board were called for in resolutions GC.10/Res.4 on South-South cooperation and GC.10/Res.6 on UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations.

Decentralization was among the subjects covered in resolution GC.10/Res.2, paragraph 7 of which encouraged the Director-General to carry forward the process of decentralization to the field and further strengthen and rationalize the field operations of UNIDO. Also, in resolution GC.10/Res.10, paragraph (d), the Conference requested the Director-General to present additional recommendations on decentralization to the Board, following the review of field operations.

The Board will have before it:

- Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007 (including application of the Strategic Guidelines). Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/3)
- South-South cooperation. (IDB.28/2, chap. IV.G)
- UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/5)
- Decentralization and field representation. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/6)

Item 6. Financial situation of UNIDO

Recent reports to the governing bodies have covered a range of issues within the context of the financial situation. That information will be updated in a document submitted to the present session:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/10)

Item 7. Transition to a single-currency system

At its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions respectively, the Board considered documents IDB.26/4 and IDB.27/9 on the transition to a single-currency system. In decision IDB.26/Dec.6, the Board requested the Director-General to find solutions to the problems in implementation identified in document IDB.26/4 and to keep Member States regularly informed of further developments. In decision IDB.27/Dec.5, the Board requested the Director-General to inform Member States of further developments, inter alia, resulting from the closure of the biennium's accounts, as well as on the management of technical cooperation projects in both dollars and euros.

The Board will have before it:

- Transition to a single-currency system. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/9)

Item 8. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit

In accordance with the pilot scheme of follow-up to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following document:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/4)

Item 9. Global Biotechnology Forum

At its twenty-sixth session, the Board requested the Director-General to report the key outcomes of the Global Biotechnology Forum in time for the first session of the Board in 2004, with the report to focus on those aspects that are clearly relevant to UNIDO's mandate (IDB.26/Dec.8, para. (f)). That decision was reaffirmed by the Board in its decision IDB.27/Dec.8. Subsequently, in resolution GC.10/Res.7 on the Global Biotechnology Forum, the General Conference looked forward to discussing those sectors of the Forum that fall under UNIDO's mandate at the twenty-eighth session of the Board. The Conference also stressed that the twenty-eighth session of the Board should decide on the follow-up within UNIDO to the Forum.

The Board will have before it:

- Global Biotechnology Forum. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/8)

Item 10. International Centre for Science and High Technology

In document GC.10/7/Add.1, a draft statute for the International Centre for Science and High Technology proposed by the Government of Italy was presented to the General Conference. Having taken note of the information provided, the General Conference approved the broad outline of the draft statute as contained in annex III to document GC.10/7/Add.1, delegating its final approval to the Board (GC.10/Dec.19). In the same decision, the Conference decided to approve articles IV (Finance), X (Programme and budget) and XIV (Dissolution), subject to the final approval of the statute. The Conference referred articles I to III, V to IX, XI to XIII and XV to the Board with a view to their finalization and adoption.

Item 11. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with those guidelines, the Director-General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to accord consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required.

Item 12. Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-ninth session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-ninth session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.28/CRP.2)

Item 13. Date and place of the eleventh session of the General Conference

At its tenth session the General Conference took note with appreciation of the kind offer of Colombia to host its eleventh session at Cartagena de Indias in 2005 (GC.10/Res.11). The Conference requested the Director-General to undertake consultations with the Government of Colombia with particular regard to the financial implications deriving from holding the session at Cartagena de Indias and to submit a report to the Board at its twenty-eighth session for decision.

The Board will have before it:

- Date and place of the General Conference. Report by the Director-General (IDB.28/11)

Item 14. Adoption of the report

In accordance with rule 71 of the rules of procedure, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.